

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph spanning lines 4-13 on page 1 of the specification and replace it with the following paragraph:

--The present application ~~claims priority to prior pending~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/292,225, filed April 15, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,455,686; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/098,909, filed September 2, 1998, entitled "NOVEL DERMATOPHAGOIDES NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES, PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF"; which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/085,295, filed May 13, 1998, entitled "NOVEL DERMATOPHAGOIDES PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF"; and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/062,013, filed April 17, 1998, converted by Petition on May 13, 1998 to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/098,565, entitled "NOVEL DERMATOPHAGOIDES PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF"; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--